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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

RIGHTHAVEN LLC, a Nevada limited-  
liability company,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHARRON ANGLE, an individual,

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:10-cv-01511

**COMPLAINT AND DEMAND  
FOR JURY TRIAL**

Righthaven LLC (“Righthaven”) complains as follows against Sharron Angle (“Ms. Angle”), on information and belief:

**NATURE OF ACTION**

1. This is an action for copyright infringement pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 501.

**PARTIES**

2. Righthaven is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, a Nevada limited-liability company with its principal place of business in Nevada.



1           14.     At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Ms. Angle knew that the Jobs Work was  
2 originally published in the Las Vegas *Review-Journal*.

3           15.     At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Ms. Angle knew that the Jobs Infringement  
4 was and is of specific interest to Nevada residents.

5           16.     Ms. Angle's display of the Jobs Infringement was and is purposefully directed at  
6 Nevada residents.

7           17.     Righthaven is the owner of the copyright in and to the literary work entitled:  
8 "Angle: Reid's clout misguided. Challenger describes what junior senators can do" (the "Clout  
9 Work"; collectively with the Jobs Work known herein as the "Works"), attached hereto as  
10 Exhibit 3.

11           18.     At all times relevant to this lawsuit, the Clout Work has depicted and depicts the  
12 original source publication as the Las Vegas *Review-Journal*.

13           19.     Ms. Angle willfully copied, on an unauthorized basis, the Clout Work from a  
14 source emanating from Nevada.

15           20.     On or about August 3, 2010, Ms. Angle displayed, and continues to display an  
16 unauthorized reproduction of the Clout Work (the "Clout Infringement"; collectively with the  
17 Jobs Infringement known herein as the "Infringements"), attached hereto as Exhibit 4, on the  
18 Website.

19           21.     At all times relevant to this lawsuit, the Clout Infringement has depicted and  
20 depicts the original source publication as the Las Vegas *Review-Journal*.

21           22.     The subject matter, at least in part, of the Clout Work and the Clout Infringement,  
22 is the goals of Sharon Angle as a newly elected United States Senator for the state of Nevada.

23           23.     At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Ms. Angle knew that the Clout Work was  
24 originally published in the Las Vegas *Review-Journal*.

25           24.     At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Ms. Angle knew that the Clout Infringement  
26 was and is of specific interest to Nevada residents.

27           25.     Ms. Angle's display of the Clout Infringement was and is purposefully directed at  
28 Nevada residents.

**VENUE**

26. The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is an appropriate venue, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1), because Ms. Angle is a resident of Nevada.

27. The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is an appropriate venue, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim for relief are situated in Nevada.

28. The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is an appropriate venue, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a), because Ms. Angle is subject to personal jurisdiction in Nevada.

**FACTS**

29. The Works constitute copyrightable subject matter, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 102(a)(1).

30. Righthaven is the owner of the copyright in and to the Jobs Work.

31. The Jobs Work was originally published on July 21, 2010.

32. On September 3, 2010, the United State Copyright Office (the “USCO”) received Righthaven’s official submittal for the registration of the Jobs Work including the application, the deposit copy, and the registration fee, Service Request No. 1-481710038, attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

33. On or about July 21, 2010, Ms. Angle displayed, and continues to display, the Jobs Infringement on the Website.

34. Righthaven is the owner of the copyright in and to the Clout Work.

35. The Clout Work was originally published on August 3, 2010.

36. On September 3, 2010, the United State Copyright Office (the “USCO”) received Righthaven’s official submittal for the registration of the Clout Work including the application, the deposit copy, and the registration fee, Service Request No. 1-481710012, attached hereto as Exhibit 6.

1           37.     On or about August 3, 2010, Ms. Angle displayed, and continues to display, the  
2 Clout Infringement on the Website.

3           38.     Ms. Angle did not seek permission, in any manner, to reproduce, display, or  
4 otherwise exploit the Works.

5           39.     Ms. Angle was not granted permission, in any manner, to reproduce, display, or  
6 otherwise exploit the Works.

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8                               **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: COPYRIGHT**  
9                               **INFRINGEMENT OF THE JOBS WORK**

10           40.     Righthaven repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through  
11 39 above.

12           41.     Righthaven holds the exclusive right to reproduce the Jobs Work, pursuant to 17  
13 U.S.C. § 106(1).

14           42.     Righthaven holds the exclusive right to prepare derivative works based upon the  
15 Jobs Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 106(2).

16           43.     Righthaven holds the exclusive right to distribute copies of the Jobs Work,  
17 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 106(3).

18           44.     Righthaven holds the exclusive right to publicly display the Jobs Work, pursuant  
19 to 17 U.S.C. § 106(5).

20           45.     Ms. Angle reproduced the Jobs Work in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive  
21 rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106(1).

22           46.     Ms. Angle created an unauthorized derivative of the Jobs Work in derogation of  
23 Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106(2).

24           47.     Ms. Angle distributed, and continues to distribute, an unauthorized reproduction  
25 of the Jobs Work on the Website, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C.  
26 § 106(3).

1           48.     Ms. Angle publicly displayed, and continues to publically display, an  
2 unauthorized reproduction of the Jobs Work on the Website, in derogation of Righthaven's  
3 exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106(5).

4           49.     Ms. Angle has willfully engaged in the copyright infringement of the Jobs Work.

5           50.     Ms. Angle's acts as alleged herein, and the ongoing direct results of those acts,  
6 have caused and will continue to cause irreparable harm to Righthaven in an amount Righthaven  
7 cannot ascertain, leaving Righthaven with no adequate remedy at law.

8           51.     Unless Ms. Angle is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further  
9 infringement of the Jobs Work, Righthaven will be irreparably harmed, and Righthaven is thus  
10 entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against further infringement by the  
11 Defendants of the Jobs Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 502.

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13                   **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: COPYRIGHT**

14                   **INFRINGEMENT OF THE CLOUT WORK**

15           52.     Righthaven repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through  
16 51 above.

17           53.     Righthaven holds the exclusive right to reproduce the Clout Work, pursuant to 17  
18 U.S.C. § 106(1).

19           54.     Righthaven holds the exclusive right to prepare derivative works based upon the  
20 Clout Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 106(2).

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24 to 17 U.S.C. § 106(5).

25           57.     Ms. Angle reproduced the Clout Work in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive  
26 rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106(1).

27           58.     Ms. Angle created an unauthorized derivative of the Clout Work in derogation of  
28 Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 106(2).



b. All evidence and documentation relating to the names and addresses (whether electronic mail addresses or otherwise) of any person with whom Ms. Angle has communicated regarding Ms. Angle's use of the Works; and

c. All financial evidence and documentation relating to Ms. Angle's use of the Works;

3. Direct the current domain name registrar, Namesecure, and any successor domain name registrar for the Domain to lock the Domain and transfer control of the Domain to Righthaven;

4. Award Righthaven statutory damages for the willful infringement of the Works, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c);

5. Award Righthaven costs, disbursements, and attorneys' fees incurred by Righthaven in bringing this action, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505;

6. Award Righthaven pre- and post-judgment interest in accordance with applicable law; and

7. Grant Righthaven such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Righthaven requests a trial by jury pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

Dated this third day of September, 2010.

RIGHTHAVEN LLC

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